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"1. PRIVATE NAC MEETING CALLED TODAY TO RECEIVE REPORT THOMPSON/GROMYKO CONVERSATIONS FEBRUARY 1. SOME REPS CLEARLY UNHAPPY AT DELAY IN INFORMING THEM, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW PREVIOUS DETAILED PRESS REPORTS, AND CROSS-EXAMINED DURBROW CLOSELY. SOME EXPRESSED SURPRISE AMBASSADOR THOMPSON HAD GONE AS FAR AS HE HAD WITH RUSSIANS IN PARTICULAR PRESENTING DOCUMENTS TO THEM ON REUNIFICATION OF BERLIN AND INTERNATIONAL ACCESS AUTHORITY WITHOUT NAC HAVING DISCUSSED OR EVEN HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF THESE PAPERS. THIS PUT GOVERNMENTS OF REST OF NATO IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION.

"2. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO TWO PAPERS COMMUNICATED BY GROMYKO TO THOMPSON ON JANUARY 12. GERMAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS GAVE THEIR GOVERNMENTS' ANALYSES OF THESE WHICH WERE, IN SUBSTANCE, THAT PROPOSALS WERE UNACCEPTABLE, CONTAINED NOTHING NEW AND DID NOT OFFER BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. THERE WAS GENERAL WISH THAT OTHER "QUADRIPARTITE" POWERS SHOULD ALSO INFORM NAC OF THEIR VIEWS ON PAPERS.

"3. NAC EXPRESSED STRONG WISH BE KEPT MORE CLOSELY INFORMED, NOT ONLY OF GENERAL COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS IN MOSCOW, BUT OF WHOLE EVOLUTION OF QUADRIPARTITE THINKING ON PROBLEM OF BERLIN

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OF BERLIN AND GERMANY AND ITS FUTURE HANDLING .

THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FOUR POWERS ASSESSMENT RUSSIAN INTENTIONS. IN PARTICULAR DID FOUR POWERS THINK RUSSIANS WERE TRYING TO SPIN OUT TIME, AND IF SO, WHY?

"4. NAC EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION COULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THEM IN TIME TO ALLOW USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE BEFORE ANY MAJOR STEP TAKEN.

"5. IN CONCLUSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF, IN COURSE YOUR TALKS IN WASHINGTON, YOU COULD SEE QUADRIPARTITE GROUP AND INFORM THEM FRANKLY OF PREOCCUPATIONS OF "OTHER MEMBERS OF NAC", AND GENERALLY BRIEF YOURSELF AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER BE ABLE REPORT TO NAC ON YOUR RETURN ON POINTS RAISED PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE."

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